GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXPORT OF LEATHER TO GERMANY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Germany among the EU countries is the largest importer of leather and leather products exported from India; (

(b) if so, the percentage of total export of leather and leather goods by India to Germany and cost thereof; (

(c) whether Germany has accorded `partner Country` status to India at the Offenbach International Leather Goods Spring Fair held recently in Frankfurt; (

(d) if so, the details thereof; (

(e) whether German Leather industry has been attracted to focus its attention towards the important sectors of Indian industry; (

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) the total leather export targetted by India upto 2000-2001 and 2005-2006?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. India`s leather exports to Germany of 296.40 million US $ during 1999-2000 account for 18.81% of the total exports of leather and leather products from India. During April - November, 2000, 203.91 million US $ worth of leather products were exported to Germany representing 15.21% of total exports of leather and leather products from India during this period.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. 18 companies took part from India in the fair. Special events commensurate with the Partner Country Status were organized by the Council for Leather Exports which include a Press Conference, Fashion Shows and an India Evening.

(e) & (f) : India`s participation as a partner country gave boost to India`s image as a major source of high quality leather goods and leather products. Already a number of German companies are doing business in India.Participation in fairs / exhibitions only helps in furthering these contacts.

(g) : Indicative export targets are generally fixed based on the previous year`s export performance, and consulting with exporters after the completion of financial year. Hence indicative export target for the year 2005-2006 is yet to be fixed. The target for the year 2000-2001 is 1760 million US $.